

November 2007 Adventures

The next time we mention that we have planned to drill 2 wells in a month, please advise us of our sanity!

As we mentioned in October, we began November drilling at the central church in Yrybucua. The town has a water system, but it's with an electric pump. Since electricity isn't very reliable, the pastor asked for a well with a hand pump. This was a fun project due to the fact we enjoy the people in Yrybucua, and we were drilling at the pastor's house; which is next to the church. The well is 155' deep, and should serve the church family "well".



We had a cute audience drilling at the church



Drill site next to the house with the women watching

After completing the well at the central church, we moved the equipment to the Indian reservation, and drilled at the high school. The Paraguayan government had built a paved road through the Indian reservation's property. As a form of repayment, the government built the reservation a high school. However, the school is only staffed a few days a week, and basic necessities, such as water, were not provided. The well at this site was only 104' deep, but should be sufficient. We installed a hand pump at this location also.



Ed explaining process to rebuild the quill



Hand pump at the high school

Next, we had a team from Dalton UMC, Dalton, GA come to work with us. The team had 3 different components – medical, construction, and sewing. The medical group worked with our resident nurse, Joy Varga. They saw patients at the Agrimissions Center in Quinta Linea. This is also where the construction crew worked. The sewing group worked at the central church in Yrybucua. This group invited all 9 of our churches to participate in both beginner and advanced sewing classes. Instead of classes, we called the week the “Sewing Festival” as fun was had by all – and we made lots of clothes too! This is the team that sponsored the well at the central church, so we took an evening for the dedication of the well.



Sewing Festival!



Team members with us at the dedication

Our Thanksgiving was a day to be thankful. We had ordered a turkey from one of our pastors. Thankfully, it arrived ready for the oven. Another family heard we wanted turkey, so they were gracious enough to give us another turkey. However, this turkey arrived at our house in a bag – kicking and squawking! Thankfully, a friend prepared it for oven baking. Talk about fresh turkey – these guys were walking around Wednesday morning. We enjoyed Thanksgiving with other North American missionaries.

November was moving month for us. We moved out of our Santani house, put all our things in storage, and we are now in Atlanta, GA. We'll be stateside till the middle of April, 2008. If any of you would like for us to visit your church, please contact us via e-mail to set up a date.

Finally, we have to close with a look at life in Paraguay. The familiar saying of “this little piggy went to market” takes on a whole different meaning here in Paraguay. These pigs were caught on camera in downtown Asuncion – the capital city of Paraguay. Now this is the way to “bring home the bacon”!



Thanks to all of you for being a part of our ministry here in Paraguay.

*In His Service,
Ed & Linda Baker*